

## Copperhead *Agkistrodon contortrix*

**Habitat Preference:** Copperheads are found in rocky, wooded river or stream valleys in southeastern Iowa.

**Threats:**

- Human persecution
- Habitat fragmentation
- Conversion of forest to urban development and agricultural development.

**Habitat Improvement Guidelines:**

- Leave any known snakes alone, they tend to be very docile creatures unless harassed.
- Maintain forest areas.
- Protect forest areas from heavy grazing.

